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DATED APRIL 16, 1977 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO

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SUBJECT: BPP ACCUSATIONS ABOUT BURMESE USE OF HELICOPTERS

1. SUMMARY: THE AREA THREE BPP DEPUTY COMMANDER HAS PASSED TO ACLS  
WITH A COPY TO THE CONSULATE A REPORT DESCRIBING THE USE BY THE  
BURMESE ARMY OF HELICOPTERS TO RESUPPLY ITS FORCES ENGAGED IN  
A BATTLE WITH THE KAREN NATIONAL UNION (KNU) FORCES ACROSS  
THE RIVER FROM MAE SOT DISTRICT IN TAK PROVINCE.

2. COL. PIMON, BPP REGION THREE DEPUTY COMMANDER, ON APRIL  
15 PASSED TO ACLS WITH A COPY TO THE CONSULATE A REPORT FROM  
BPP AREA SIX HEADQUARTERS WHICH DESCRIBES BURMESE ARMY  
ACTIONS AGAINST THE KNU FORCES FIGHTING ACROSS THE BORDER

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FROM BAN WANG KHA IN MAE SOT DISTRICT, TAK PROVINCE. THE  
REPORT CLAIMS THAT ON 9 APRIL THE BURMESE ARMY USED A HELI-  
COPTER TO HAUL TWO SHIPMENTS OF AMMUNITION INTO ITS  
FORCES. AFTER DROPPING OFF THE SUPPLIES, THE HELICOPTER  
CIRCLED OVER BAN WANG KHA FOR FIVE MINUTES. THEN ON THE  
THIRTEENTH, TWO BURMESE HELICOPTERS FLEW IN FOUR SHIPMENTS OF  
SUPPLIES AND REINFORCEMENTS TO SUPPORT ITS FORCES IN THE

SAME AREA.

3. THE BPP REPORT DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE IDENTITY OF THE HELICOPTERS NOR ANY EVIDENCE THAT THEY WERE HELICOPTERS PROVIDED BY THE USG FOR NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION. HOWEVER, BPP OFFICERS IN THIS AREA HAVE CLAIMED IN THE PAST THAT THE US PROVIDED HELICOPTERS WERE NOT ALWAYS BEING USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BURMA. IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED HERE THAT THE KNU, WHICH HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF A MAJOR BURMESE ARMY OPERATION FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, IS NOT DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN THE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

4. WE EXPECT, GIVEN THE TIMING OF THIS REPORT, THAT LOCAL BPP OFFICIALS WILL RAISE THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE MISUSE OF US SUPPLIED HELICOPTERS BY THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT IN ANY CONVERSATIONS THEY MAY HAVE WITH MEMBERS OF CODEL WOLFF, AS WELL AS WITH DR. BOURNE

,  
MS. FALCO, OR OTHER VIPS DUE TO VISIT CHIANG MAI DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.  
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